

House District 9

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AGE: 40

PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks, Alaska

NAME OF SPOUSE: Eugenia

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Stella

OCCUPATION:
Heavy equipment operator, former small business owner

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 35 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Wasilla, Fairbanks, Chugiak

EDUCATION:
Lathrop High School, 1986-1990, diploma; University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1994-1997; Missouri State University, 1997-2000, Bachelors of Science; University of Houston, 2003-2004

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Member, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302, 2006-present; owner and operator, Yukon Services, 2004-2010

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Member, Fairbanks Amateur Hockey Association; Volunteer at Easter Seal Society, Wasilla Food Pantry, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Project Homeless Connect

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Family, fishing, history, woodworking, diving

STATEMENT:
When I was growing up in Alaska, I felt as though anything was possible in this state. I am running to represent the people of Wasilla in the State House and to help build a future in which all Alaskans, especially the next generation, can achieve their dreams and continue developing and growing our great state.

My top priority as State Representative will be to make Alaska’s economy strong, resilient, and internationally competitive. We must:

- Develop Alaskan resources for Alaskans first;
- Take full advantage of our energy potential and the jobs it will create;
- Educate our youth, preparing them to join the workforce, and encourage them to build their lives in Alaska;
- Make smart investments in roads and infrastructure, creating thousands of sustainable jobs for Alaskans;
- Develop Alaska’s raw materials and encourage the manufacturing of goods from them; and,
- Incentivize businesses to hire Alaskan workers and use Alaskan-made products.

If elected, I will fight hard to ensure that our children receive a quality education, that we build and maintain the necessary roads and infrastructure, and that we take Alaska’s economy to a bold new level. I would appreciate your vote on November 6.

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